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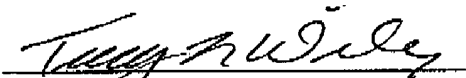
Applicants respectfully point out that none of the pending claims cover Species I, II or III, since, for example, each of the pending claims requires at least a filter element and either a guidewire or a carrying means. Therefore, as between Species IV and Species V, Applicants elect Species IV (Figures 12A and 12B), corresponding to claims 1 to 63.

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Respectfully submitted,

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